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1. The Labor Exchange (Inspektsiya na Truda) was closed in 1951, and employment is now obtained directly from the employer. An application and a detailed autobiography must be submitted to the head of the cadres department of the enterprise in question, and an applicant is hired only after his past record has been checked.
2. Work is difficult to obtain. Vozrazhdenie Square in Sofia, where there is an unofficial labor exchange, is crowded with hundreds of persons, mainly construction workers, in search of employment. No mention of unemployment is made in official statistics.
3. Due to the acute shortage of accommodations, permanent residence in ten Bulgarian towns, including Sofia, is restricted. Only government employees who must change their places of residence in the course of their duty are excepted from this rule.
4. Movies are always crowded, and no new theaters have been built. Tickets are obtained at the ticket office either before the performance or a few days in advance and cost 1.60 to 2.40 leva. The population has doubled since the war, and Sofia now has 600,000 inhabitants (sic).
4. Although the reserves include enlisted men up to 55 years and officers up to 60 years, only men up to 40 years are liable to be called up for service. The reserves book issued in 1948 has as yet not been replaced, but the numbers of the units were changed during the general re-registration in 1951.

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